of the river Gomati in Lucknow under the Ganga Action Plan Phase-II. This assitance will be provided in two phases. Under Phase-I, 4.02 million pounds have been allocated for works relating to survey, mapping and cleaning of existing sewers, diversion of drains and for the setting up of a project management unit to prepare a Master Plan relating to capital works. On successful completion of Phase-I, a decision regarding second phase will be taken by the Overseas Development Administration in consultation with this Ministry.

Profit of IOC

2375. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation claims to earn huge profits during the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of fields of profit;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure that similar profits are made by the other Oil Companies under the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) During the first six months of the current financial year, Indian Oil Corporation has earned profit after tax to the tune of Rs. 742.83 crores (provisional) as against Rs. 660.09 crores during the corresponding period of the privious year.

(c) and (d) Other Oil Companies are also making good profits.;

Repairs of Roads after Digging

2376. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the MTNL Delhi had undertaken very extensive road digging in Delhi and New Delhi areas for laying new cables and cable ducts during the first quarter 1995;

(b) whether in most such cases the repair work has not been undertaken so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to discuss this matter with all concerned authorities to streamline the procedure to ensure that full road repair work is taken up and completed immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The MTNL undertakes the digging work after paying the Road Restoration charges to the concerned road maintaning agencies. The back filling of excavated earth and dressing is done by MTNL after laying of cables. The permanent repairing of the road is the responsibility of concerned civic agencies e.g. M.C.D., N.D.M.C. PWD etc.

(c) This point is discussed in the inter-utility coordination committee meetings being held with the various road maintaining agencies and stress is made to repair the roads as early as possible after laying of cables is completed.

आत्महत्याओं के कारणों का अध्ययन

2377. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने नवयुवक और नवयुवतियों में आत्महत्याओं की बढ़ती हुई संख्या के संबंध में सरकारी तथा सामाजिक स्तर पर कोई अध्ययन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार की आत्महत्याओं के पीछे क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन कारणों को रोकने के लिये

कोई योजना बनाई है;

(घ) क्या प्रत्येक राज्य में प्रति वर्ष ऐसी घटनाएं हो रही है और क्या आत्महत्या करने का प्रयास कानूनी अपराध है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

गृह मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० एम० कामसन): (क) नव युवा वर्ग में 1994 में की गयी आत्महत्याओं की संख्या का विवरण अनुपत्र में दिया गया [देखिए परिशिष्ट 175, अनुपत्र संख्या 54]

(ख) विभिन्न कारणों से, 1994 में की गयी आत्महत्याओं की संख्या का विवरण अनुपत्र में दिया गया। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 175, अनुपत्र संख्या 55]

(ग) से (ङ) चूंकि आत्हत्या करने के कारण, अनेक जटिल और अधिकाशतः निजी/परिवार से संबंधित है, अतः किसी कार्रवाई योजना के द्वारा अथवा अन्यथा सरकार की उसमें भूमिका, अत्यंत सीमित प्रतीत होती है। भा०दं० संहिता की धारा 309, जिसमें यह प्रावधान है कि आत्हत्या करने का प्रयास दंडनीय अपराध है, उच्चतम न्यायालय द्वारा अप्रैल, 1994 में दिये गये एक निर्णय में इस प्रावधान को असंवैधानिक करार दिया गया है।

The U.S. Senate Resolution on Kashmir

2378. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the Statesman dated the 25th June, 1995 that the U.S. Senators have introduced a resolution on Kashmir which calls on the Government of India and Pakistan to enter into negotiation with legitimate representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir to resolve the conflict peacefully; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is aware of the non-binding sense of the Senate Resolution on Kashmir which was introduced by Senators Jesse Helms and Patrick Leahy on June 21, 1995. The Resolution has not till date come up before either the Senate or its Foreign Relations Committee. The Government's position that Kashmir is an inalienable and integral part of India is known to the US.

Supply of Gas to ASEB By ONGC

2379. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that full requirement of gas of the Assam State Electricty Board is not being met by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation as a result of which the Board is not in a position to generate electrictity to its full capacity;

(b) the demand of natural gas of the Board during the last three years, and that actually met by the Corporation year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by ONGC to ensure full supply of gas to the ASEB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (c) No, Sir. The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is supplying gas to the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) according to their requirement.

(b) The drawal of gas by ASEB from ONGC during the last three years was as follows:

	(MMSCMD)
1992-93	0.17
1993-94	0.23
1994-95	0.33